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Mr.Chairman,Mrs.Crichton,and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1942.This report is prepared on the lines indicated in Circular 2605 (Wales) and is again therefore very restricted.The opportunity is taken,however,of dealing briefly with subjects in which the public have shown special interest during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me during the year.

Scarlet Fever	13 cases including 1 military.
Sonne Dysentery	2 cases.
Flexner Dysentery	2 cases,both military.
Pneumonia	5 cases,all military.
Measles	2 cases.
Diphtheria	1 case.Not immunised.
Cerebrospinal Fever	2 cases.
Puerperal Fever	1 case.

The cases of scarlet fever were spread over the year.As will be seen from the above figures the district experienced no severe outbreak of infectious disease.
As previously arrangements were still in force which enabled cases of infectious disease to be admitted to Merthyr Isolation Hospital.

Scabies. A few cases of scabies came to my notice during the year. The evacuee cases were admitted to the Sick Bay at Sennybridge while the non-evacuee cases were dealt with by the County Council Health Visitor.

Diphtheria.

During the year under review monthly clinics were commenced for the purpose of immunising children against diphtheria. The response has been satisfactory and as a result a recent survey showed that 80 % of the school children had been immunised.The response in the under five group has also been good and it is to be hoped that the response will continue to remain good so that the present high immunising rate may be maintained.

Tuberculosis.

The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in the district.

Number of cases on the register at commencement of year	35.
Number of fresh cases	6.
Number removed as recovered	2.
Number of tuberculosis deaths	2.
Number of cases that left the district	5.
Number of cases left on register at the end of the year	32.

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Venereal Disease.

The Breconshire County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital,Swansea,for the treatment of these diseases.

Milk Production.

There is room for considerable improvement in the production of clean milk in the district.Towards the end of year I recommended a system of routine testing of milk which was adopted by the Council.
Owing to shortage of staff,transport difficulties and other reasons this routine system is not being carried out.
This is very much to be regretted.

Water Supplies. Considerable improvements in the water supplies to the various parts of the district could be carried out.This applies both as regards quality and quantity of supply.
It is to be hoped that the Council will commence improving their supplies as soon as possible after the war.

No other administrative measure was recommended by me during the year.

I am,Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
T.C.R.GEORGE.
Medical Officer of Health.